

In the House of Representatives, Jan. 30, 1821.

AMENDMENTS

Proposed to the resolution from the Senate for the admission of the State of Missouri into the Union.

MR. FOOT moved to strike out the proviso in that resolution, and, in lieu of it, to insert:

1 *Provided, That it shall be taken as a fundamental con-*
2 dition upon which the said State is incorporated in the Un-
3 ion, that so much of the twenty-sixth section of the third ar-
4 ticle of the constitution, which has been submitted to Con-
5 gress, as declares, it shall be the duty of the General Assem-
6 bly "*to prevent free negroes and mulattoes from coming to,*
7 *and settling in, this State, under any pretext whatsoever,*"
8 shall be expunged within two years from the passage of this
9 resolution, by the General Assembly of Missouri, in the man-
10 ner prescribed for amending said constitution.

MR. STORRS moved to amend the proviso offered by Mr. Foot
so as to read:

1 *Provided, That it shall be taken as a fundamental con-*
2 dition upon which the said State is incorporated in the Union,

3 and to be of perpetual obligation on the said State, (in faith
 4 whereof this resolution is passed by Congress,) that no law
 5 shall ever be enacted by the said State, impairing or contra-
 6 vening the rights, privileges, or immunities, secured to citi-
 7 zens of other States by the constitution of the United States:
 8 *And provided further,* That the legislature, acting under the
 9 constitution already adopted in Missouri as a State, shall, as a
 10 convention, (for which purpose the consent of Congress is
 11 hereby granted) declare their assent, by a public act, to the
 12 said condition, before the next session of Congress; and trans-
 13 mit to Congress an attested copy of such act by the first day
 14 of the said session.

MR. COBB then moved so to amend the proviso offered by Mr.
 Foot, as to make it read:

1 *Provided,* That it shall be taken as a fundamental con-
 2 dition upon which the said State is incorporated in the Union,
 3 that the legislature of the State of Missouri shall pass no law
 4 impairing the privileges and immunities secured to the citi-
 5 zens of each State, under the first clause of the second section
 6 of the fourth article of the constitution of the United States.